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Is greater merseyside a county

Metropolitan County in North West England
County of England
Metropolitan and Ceremonial County in England
Merseyside
Metropolitan and Ceremonial County
County Flag of Merseyside
Sovereign State
Over-directed country
England
North West England
Etabråttelsevis
1974
(Local Government Act 1972)
Time Zone UTC±00:00 (Greenwich Mean Time)
• Summer (DST)UTC+01:00 (British Summer Time
Mp Alison McGovern (L) Angela Eagle (L) Bill Esterson (L) Conor McGinn (L) Damien Moore (C) Dan Carden (L) Mick Whitley (L) George Howarth (L) Kim Johnson (L) Paula Barker (L) Maria Eagle (L) Marie Rimmer (L) Margaret Greenwood (L) Peter Dowd (L) L) Ian Byrne (L) Police
Merseyside Police
Ceremonial county
Lord Lieutenant
Mark Blundell
High Sheriff
John Roberts[1] (2020–21)
Area
645 km2 (249 sq mi)
• Ranked 43rd by 48
Population (mid-2019 est.)
1,423,065
• Ranked 9rd by 48
Density
2,200/km2 (5,700/sq mi)
Ethnicity
91.8% White British
2.7% Other white
2.2% Asian
1% Black
1.6% Mixed
0.8% Other
Metropolitan county
Area
645 km2 (249 sq mi)
ONS code
2BNUTS
UKD72 , UKD73, UKD74 and part of ukd71
Website
merseyside.police.uk
Districts of Merseyside
Districts
City of Liverpool
Sefton
Knowsley
St Helens
Wirral
Merseyside (/ˈmːrːzaɪsaɪd/ MUR-zee-syde) is a metropolitan county in north-west England, with a population of 1.38 million. [2] It includes the metropolitan area centered on both banks of the lower reaches of the Mersey Estuary and consists of five metropolitan cities: Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton, Wirral and the city of Liverpool. Merseyside, created on 1 April 1974 under the Local Government Act 1972, takes its name from the River Mersey. Merseyside spans 249 square miles (645 km2) of the country. It sits within the historical counties of Lancashire and Cheshire, bordering the ceremonial counties of Lancashire (to the north-east), Greater Manchester (to the east), Cheshire (to the south and south-east) and the Irish Sea to the west. North Wales is located over the Dee Estuary. There is a mix of high density urban areas, suburbs, semi-rural and rural locations in Merseyside, but overwhelming land use is urban. It has a focused central business district, formed by Liverpool City Centre, but Merseyside is also a polycentric county with five metropolitan districts, all of which have at least one major city centre and outer suburbs. Liverpool's urban area is the fifth most populous metropolitan area in England and dominates the geographical centre of the county, while the smaller Birkenhead Urban area dominates the Wirral Peninsula in the south. In the 12 years after 1974, the county had a system of two levels of local authority; district councils shared power with Merseyside County Council. The county council was abolished in 1986 and therefore its districts (metropolitan cities) are now in practice unitary authority areas. However, the county continues to exist in law and as a geographical frame of reference,[3] and several county-wide services are coordinated by authorities and joint-boards, such as Merseytravel (for public transport), Fire and rescue service and Merseyside Police and Merseyside Police (for law-maintaining); as a ceremonial county, Merseyside has a Lord Lieutenant and a High Sheriff. As Lancashire county the Palatine borders remain the same as the historic boundaries,[4] the High Sheriff of Merseyside, along with those in Lancashire and Greater Manchester appointed within the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster. [5] The merseyside boroughs are joined by the neighbouring District of Halton in Cheshire to form the Liverpool City Region, which is a local business partnership and combined government area. Merseyside is a merger of 22 former local government districts from the former administrative counties of Lancashire, Cheshire and six autonomous districts with Birkenhead, Bootle, Liverpool, Southport, St Helens and Wallasey. History of Port of Liverpool dolls, at Seaforth. Merseyside located at the Mersey Estuary Merseyside was designated a Special Review area under the Local Government Act 1958, and the Local Government Commission for England started a review of this area in 1962, based around the core county boroughs of Liverpool, Bootle, Birkenhead and Wallasey. Additional areas, including Widnes and Runcorn, were added to the special audit area following orders in 1965. Draft proposals were published in 1965, but the Commission never finalised its final proposals as it was abolished in 1966. Instead, a royal commission was set up to review english local government entirely and its report (known as the Redcliffe-Maud report) proposed a much wider Merseyside metropolitan area covering southwest Lancashire and northwest Cheshire, extending as far south as Chester and as far north as the River Ribble. This would have included four areas: Southport/Crosby, Liverpool/Bootle, St Helens/Widnes and Wirral/Chester. In 1970 merseyside passenger transport manager (operating today under the Merseytravel brand) was set up, covering Liverpool, Sefton, Wirral and Knowsley, but excluding Southport and St Helens. The Redcliffe-Maud report was rejected by the incoming Conservative Party government, but the concept of a two-level metropolitan area based on the Mersey area was maintained. A White Paper was published in 1971. The Local Government Bill presented to Parliament involved a significant trimming from the White Paper, with the exception of the northern and southern outskirts of the area, excluding Chester, Ellesmere Port (and, unusually, including Southport, whose council had requested to be included). Further changes took place in Parliament, with Skelmersdale removed from the area, and a proposed district including St Helens and into what are now the metropolitan cities of St Helens and Knowsley. Merseyside was created on 1 April 1974 from areas formerly parts of the administrative counties of Lancashire and Cheshire, along with the county towns of Birkenhead, Wallasey, Liverpool, Bootle, and St Helens. After the creation of Merseyside, Merseytravel expanded to take in St Helens and Southport. post-1974 pre-1974 Metropolitan County Urban Cities Urban Districts Rural areas Merseyside is an amalgamation of 22 former local government districts, including six county towns and two municipal urban areas. Knowsley Huyton with Roby • Kirkby • Prescott West Lancashire • Whiston Liverpool Liverpool Sefton Bootle • Southport Crosby Formby • Litherland West Lancashire St Helens St Helens Ashton-in-Makerfield • Billinge and Winstanley • Haydock • Rainford Whiston Wirral Birkenhead • Wallasey Bebington Hoylake • Wirral Between 1974 and 1986, the county had a two-tier system of local authorities with the five boroughs sharing power with Merseyside County Council. However, in 1986 the government of Margaret Thatcher abolished the county council along with all other metropolitan county councils, and so its urban authorities are now effectively unitary authorities. Geography An aerial view of Merseyside See also: List of places in Merseyside, List of settlements in Merseyside by population, and Liverpool Urban Area Merseyside is divided into two parts of the Mersey Estuary; the Wirral is located on the west side of the estuary, on the Wirral Peninsula and the rest of the county is located on the east side of the estuary. The eastern part of Merseyside borders Lancashire to the north, Greater Manchester to the east, with both parts of the county bordering Cheshire to the south. The territory of the County of Merseyside was formerly part of the administrative counties of Lancashire (east of the River Mersey) and Cheshire (west of the River Mersey). Birkenhead Park, which opened in 1847, was the first publicly funded civic park in the world. The two parts are linked by the two Mersey tunnels, the Wirral line in Merseyrail and the Mersey ferry. Green Belt Additional Information: North West Green Belt Merseyside includes green belt interspersed throughout the county, which surrounds the Liverpool urban area, as well as over the Mersey in the Wirral area, with additional pockets stretching towards and surrounding Southport, as part of the western edge of the north-west Green Belt. It was first developed from the 1950s. All of the county's districts contain part of the belt. Raby on the Wirral is Merseyside's green belt. Identity Ipsos MORI polls in the sefton and wirral districts of the 2000s showed that generally, residents of these boroughs identified slightly more strongly to Merseyside than that or Cheshire respectively, but their affinity to Merseyside was more likely to be quite strong than very strong. [6] Local government coat of arms of the former Merseyside County Council. The Metropolitan boroughs of Merseyside consist of the metropolitan areas of Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral. County-level functions After the abolition of the county council some local services are run by the co-boards of the five metropolitan regions; these include: Merseyside Police Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Merseytravel (which is also responsible for the Merseyrail network) Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority Merseyside Pension Scheme, administered by Wirral Borough Council, with offices in Liverpool Liverpool City Region The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, which covers the five boroughs and the Borough of Halton under the leadership of a mayor, Steve Rotheram, who was elected in May 2017. [7] Economy This is a graph of the trend of regional gross value added of Merseyside at current base prices published (p. 240-253) by the Office for National Statistics with figures in GBP million sterling. Annual regional gross value added[note 1] Agriculture[note 2] Industry[note 3] Services[note 4] 1995 10,931 50 3,265 7,616 2000 13,850 2 9 3 489 10 330 2003 16 173 39 3 432 12 701 Transport Merseyside transport in Liverpool John Lennon Airport Liverpool Lime Street station Wirral Way, Cycling and Bridle, West Kirby Wirral Tramway Merseyside Motorways Additional information: Merseytravel , Merseyrail, and category :Transport in Merseyside Transport in Merseyside consists of journeys by road, rail, air and water. Motorways serving Merseyside include the M53 motorway in the Wirral, the M57 motorway, the M58 motorway and the M62 motorway. Train services are provided by Merseyrail, Network Rail and wirral tramway (since 1995) with major stations on Liverpool Lime Street, Liverpool Central, Liverpool James Street and Birkenhead Hamilton Square. Borderland's line connects wirral to Wales. City Line (Merseyrail) Liverpool-Wigan line (and on to Preston via West Coast main line) Liverpool-Manchester lines (Middle and Southern Routes, including the branch of Warrington Bank Quay) The Crewe-Liverpool line (and on to Birmingham New Street via the West Coast main line) the Merseyrail commuter train lines North line (Merseyrail) Wirral line Aviation and air travel provided by Liverpool John Lennon Airport, the oldest uk provincial airport. Major cycle paths on the National Cycle Network (such as National Cycle Route 56 and National Cycle Route 62) pass through the region as well as New Brighton and Wirral Way. Major bus companies are Stagecoach Merseyside and Arriva North West. Liverpool A bus station serves as a terminus for national coach trips. Shipping in Merseyside Liverpool Cruise Terminal, Pier Head and Mersey Ferry Queen Mary 2 with Isle of Man Steam Packet Company ferry HSC Manannan on Pier Head Mersey Ferry MV Royal Iris Twelve Quays Ferry Terminal, Birkenhead for Stena Line MS Stena Lagan services to Belfast, Ireland Seacombe Ferry Terminal and Spaceport (Seacombe) Additional information: Category: Maritime transport in The Merseyside Cruise Terminal provides long-distance passenger cruises, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines MS Black Watch and Cruise & Maritime Voyages MS Magellan use the terminal to depart for Iceland, France, Spain and Norway. Ferries Prince's Landing Stage, Pier Head, Liverpool serves Isle of Man Steam Packet Company summer service to the Isle of Man (and Mersey Ferries). Twelve Quays, Birkenhead ferry port serves winter Isle of Man ferry services and Stena Line to Belfast, Ireland. Commercial Port of Liverpool handles most commercial shipping, but several other ports on the Wirral Peninsula, such as the Great Float and Queen Elizabeth II Dock, also operate. River and Canal The Mersey Ferry has operated since the 13th century, currently between Seacombe, Woodside and Liverpool Pier Head. Leeds and Liverpool Canal and Manchester Ship Canal are the main canal systems. Sport Additional information: Sport in Merseyside Merseyside hosts several football league football clubs including Liverpool F.C., Everton F.C. and Tranmere Rovers F.C.. Golf courses include Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Royal Birkdale Golf Club and Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club. Cricket clubs include the historic Aigburth Cricket Ground, Liverpool. Aintree Motor Racing Circuit hosted the British Grand Prix. Aintree Racecourse hosts the Grand National and there is also Haydock Park Racecourse. Totally Wicked Stadium hosts Rugby League and Hoylake sailing hosts (such as the Southport 24 Hour Race) and is the UK's premier venue for sand sailing. A ski slope resort is available at The Oval (Wirral). Greater Merseyside Other nearby towns are not part of Merseyside, such as Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Warrington, Runcorn, Widnes and Ellesmere Port (all parts of either Cheshire or Lancashire), but the designation Greater Merseyside has sometimes been adopted for Merseyside and these six cities unofficially. This also has a semi-official use by some local authorities and organizations and is used by Geographers A-Z Map Company for their Merseyside Street Atlas. [8] However, a separate city region, consisting of Merseyside and Halton, has some official recognition as greater Merseyside, although it has also been referred to as liverpool's city region. Halton is also part of the Merseyside NUTS region. [9] Places of interest Albert Dock Anfield (Liverpool F.C. Stadium) The Beatles Story Museum Liverpool at Albert Dock The Cavern Club Croxeth Hall Gambier Terrace Goodison Park (Everton F.C. Stadium) HM Customs & Excise National Museum Slavery Museum Liverpool Liverpool (Anglican) Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (Roman Catholic) Merseyside Maritime Museum Mersey Tunnels - Queensway and Kingsway Museum of Liverpool Life Pier Head Speke Hall - National Trust St George's Hall Tate Liverpool, a branch of tate gallery pedestrian art gallery world museum Liverpool Knowsley hall Knowsley safari park dream Haydock park racecourse Langtree Park (St Helens Stadium) in north west museum of road transport St Helens world of glass [10] Aintree racecourse Crosby Beach Formby Haig Avenue Hugh Baird College Lord Street , Southport Meols Hall Pleasureland Southport Royal Birkdale Golf Club Southport Pier Bidston Hill and Bidston Windmill Birkenhead Park Birkenhead Hamilton Square Hillbre Island Lady Lever Art Gallery Leasowe Castle and Leasowe Lighthouse North Wirral Coastal Park Port Sunlight Prenton Park (Tranmere Rovers F.C. Stadium) Royal Liverpool Golf Club Williamson Art Gallery and Museum Wirral Country Park See also North West England portal List of Lord Lieutenants of Merseyside List of High Sheriffs of Merseyside 1911 Liverpool Public Transport Strike List of Places of particular scientific interest in Merseyside

List of commemorative plaques in Merseyside Merseyside derby Notes ^ Components do not receive the sum of sums due to rounding ^ includes hunting and forestry ^ includes energy and construction ^ includes financial brokerage services indirectly measured References ^ John Roberts DL is the new High Sheriff of Merseyside. WirralGlobe. 16 March 2020. ^ 2009 Mid Year Estimates – Table 9 ONS. statistics.gov.uk. Filed from the original on 16 December 2008. Retrieved 9 September 2010.CS1 maint: ref=harw (link) ^ Office for National Statistics. Gazetteer of the old and new geographies of the United Kingdom (PDF). statistics.gov.uk. p. 48. Archived (PDF) from the original on 23 December 2003. Retrieved March 11, 2007. Retrieved on 6 March 2008. Office for National Statistics (17 September 2004). Beginner's Guide to UK Geography: Metropolitan Counties and Districts. statistics.gov.uk. Archived from the original on March 15, 2008. Retrieved 6 March 2008. North-West – Electoral Commission. Electoral Commission. Filed from original on November 14, 2008. Retrieved February 2, 2011. Retrieved July 7, 2008. ^ House of Commons Hansard Debates for 15 Jun 1992. parliament.uk. Archived from the original on November 20, 2017. Retrieved September 2, 2017. ^ High Sheriffs, The Times, March 21, 1985 ^ Sefton Poll Filed 26 September 2006 on Waybacken Machine, where 51% inhabitants belonged strongly to Merseyside, and compared with 35% to Lancashire; Wirral poll Filed 26 September 2006 at Waybacken machine, where 45 % of inhabitants belonged strongly to Merseyside; compared to 30% to Cheshire. In both districts, very strong ratings for the the county larger merseyside, but quite strongly was lower. ^ Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor: What is it, when will we get one and who will it be?. Liverpool Echo. 18 May 2016. Filed from original on July 23, 2016. Retrieved July 16, 2016. ^ Merseyside Street Atlas. Geographers A-Z Karta Co Ltd ISBN 978-0850399653. Filed from original on May 18, 2011. Retrieved June 26, 2008. ^ North West (England). Office for National Statistics. Filed from original on October 16, 2015. Retrieved November 28, 2015. ^ Art Galleries - Museum - Glass Blowing- Victorian Furnace. The glass world. Filed from original on December 8, 2015. Retrieved November 28, 2015. Further reading Dickinson, Joseph (1851). Flora of Liverpool. Liverpool: Deighton and Laughton. External links Wikimedia Commons has media related to Merseyside. Wikivoyage has a travel guide for Merseyside. Merseyside on Merlie Merseytravel site Merseyside.com local guide, AZ, street index Merseyside Today - regional guide Mersey Reporter History - Merseyside History Merseyside Enterprises online Mersey Life - Community Coordinates: 53°25′N 3°00′W﻿ / ﻿53.417°N 3.000°W﻿ / 53.417; -3.000 Retrieved from

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